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1. FAO DG JACKSON CALLED WELL ATTENDED DEBRIEFING FEBRUARY 5 FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER NATIONS IN ROME. ORAL REPORT ON RECENT SESSIONS OF PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES HANDLED BY WEST. HE ACKNOWLEDGED COMMITTEES WERE PLACED IN DIFFICULT SITUATION BECAUSE TIME HAD NOT PERMITTED FAO APPRAISAL OF DIVISIONAL BUDGET REQUESTS, HENCE COMMITTEES HAD ONLY TABULAR MATERIALS OF THESE PROPOSALS WHICH TOTALED DLR 255 MILLION. COMMITTEES HAD MADE USEFUL RECOMMENDATIONS. PAPER REQUESTED FOR MARCH COUNCIL MEETING, WHICH WOULD EXPAND ON LIM 8 BUT FOCUS ON PROGRAM PRIORITIES, PROBABLY WILL NOT BE OUT UNTIL A DAY OF TWO BEFORE MARCH 10 MEETING. DECENTRALIZATION ISSUE CHARACTERIZED AS COMPLEX AND STILL WITHOUT A GOOD HANDLE. TABULAR MATERIAL FROM DIVISIONS INCLUDED INCREASES OF ABOUT DLR 9 MILLION UNRELATED TO PROPOSALS OF REGIONAL OFFICES FOR DLR 20 MILLION INCREASE (9 TO 29). WEST INDICATED THE COST INCREASES POSTULATED BY LIM 8 ARE STILL PRETTY MUCH IN LINE -- \$)4 30 MILLION MORE NEEDED TO STAND STILL. OTHERWISE HE AVOIDED ANY SPECULATION ABOUT FUGURES WHICH THEY ARE LIKELY

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TO COME UP WITH.

2. JACKSON EXPLAINED ARRANGEMENTS IN FAO FOR WORKING WITH HANNAH. "CONVENER" FOR INTER-DIVISIONAL GROUP IN AZIZ. JACKSON SAID FAO COUNCIL PROBABLY WOULD MEET IN JUNE, IMPLYING THAT HE EXPECTED THIS IMMEDIATELY TO PRECEDE FIRST MEETING, OF WOLD FOOD COUNCIL. WHEN PRESSED ON TIME AND PLACE FOR LATTER HE INSISTED THAT THIS WOULD BE SETTLED AT INFORMAL MEETING OF GOVERNMENTS IN NEW YORK 24 FEBRUARY. (FYI IN PRIVATE COMMENT TO AID OFFICER LATER THAT DAY MANNAH INDICATED HE WOULD RETURN TO ROME EARLY MARCH AND "TAKE A SMALL APARTMENT".VOLPE

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